<u>Chairpersons of the Appropriations Committee</u>: Senator Osten, Senator Formica, Representative Walker and Committee Members:

Re: Funding for the Plainville Family Resource Network

I am a grandparent raising two grandsons, age four and three years old. I am grateful for the opportunity to attend the Conscious Discipline program offered by the Plainville Family Resource Network (PFRN) and for the childcare provided which enables me to do so. The principles and information presented by Dr. Becky Bailey is very helpful in understanding the emotional development of children and adult behavior as well. This is particularly beneficial for managing the communication and family relationships involved with raising grandchildren. The PFRN facilitator is excellent and offers her own experience too. She, the childcare and support staff provide a welcoming, informative environment where class participants can learn and share ideas.

I believe having a safe, solid foundation within a child's family, school and community is crucial to their healthy development and ability to learn. The Plainville Family Resource Network offers parents, caretakers and children the information, tools and support necessary for this to happen. Full funding for the PFRN is essential for continuing this important work. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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